

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AREAS OF INTEREST

American Religious History, History of Evangelicalism, History of Anabaptism, Historical Study of Peace and Nonviolence, Memory, Material Culture, Public History Theory and Practice

EDUCATION

- In Process **Ph.D. student**, Temple University
- **Exam Fields:** American History, American Religious History, Public History
- 2012 **M.A.**, Temple University
- **Concentration:** History, Public History
 - **Thesis:** “Born-Again Brethren: History as Identity and Theology in the Cultural Transformation of a ‘Plain People’” (chair: Seth C. Bruggeman; readers: David H. Watt, Beth Bensman)
- 2009 **B.A.**, Messiah College
- *Magna cum laude*
 - **Major:** English
 - **Minor:** Religion

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 2013–Present **Director**
The Sider Institute for Anabaptist, Pietist, & Wesleyan Studies, Messiah College
- 2014–Present **Archives Coordinator**
The Ernest L. Boyer Center, Messiah College
- 2015 (spring) **Interim Director**
Center for Public Humanities, Messiah College

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011–2016 **Assistant Editor**
Brethren in Christ History and Life (journal), Brethren in Christ Historical Society

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Messiah College (Grantham, Pa.) [2013–Present]

- *General Education:*
 - First-Year Writing Seminar
 - Created & Called for Community (First-Year Core Course)
- *American History:*
 - U.S. History Since 1865
 - Historical Study of Peace
- *Church History/Theology/Religious Studies:*
 - Introduction to Christian Theology
 - Brethren in Christ Life & Thought
 - The Wesleyan/Holiness Tradition

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Worthy of the Calling: Biographies of Paul and Lela Swalm Hostetler, Harvey and Erma Heise Sider, and Luke Jr. and Doris Bowman Keefer (with Beth Hostetler Mark and Anna Ruth Sider Osborne; edited by E. Morris Sider). Grantham, Pa.: Brethren in Christ Historical Society, 2014.

Journal Articles

“Born-Again Brethren in Christ: Anabaptism, Evangelicalism, and the Cultural Transformation of a Plain People,” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 90:2 (April 2016): 203-237

“Beyond ‘Indianapolis ’50’: The Brethren in Christ Church in an Age of Evangelicalism,” *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 36:3 (December 2013): pp. 433-463

“Minding the Church: The Scholarship and Denominational Service of Luke L. Keefer, Jr.,” *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 35:3 (December 2012): pp. 414-429

“Pietism as a ‘Usable Past’ in the Brethren in Christ Church,” *The Covenant Quarterly* 70:2 (August/November 2012): pp. 60-65

“Between Legalism and Liberalism: The Brethren in Christ Construct a New (Evangelical) Identity, 1945-1965” *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 34:3 (December 2011): pp. 347-386

Chapters in Edited Collections

“Sacred Subjects: Religion and Commemoration in America,” in *The Association for State and Local History Guide to Commemoration*, ed. Seth C. Bruggeman (Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield) [forthcoming]

“A Witness to the Good: A Biographical Sketch of Luke L. Keefer, Jr.,” in *Celebrations and Convictions: Honoring the Life and Legacy of Dr. Luke L. Keefer, Jr.*, eds. J. Robert Douglass and Wyndy Corbin Reuschling (Grantham, Pa.: Brethren in Christ Historical Society, 2015), pp. 3-20

Review Essays

“The Not-So-Quiet in the Land: The Anabaptist Turn in Recent American Evangelical Historiography,” *Conrad Grebel Review* 33:3 (Fall 2015): pp. 359-371

Book Reviews

Review of H. Larry Ingle, *Nixon’s First Cover-Up: The Religious Life of a Quaker President*, in *Fides et Historia* [forthcoming]

Review of Matthew Bowman, *The Urban Pulpit: New York City and the Fate of Liberal Evangelicalism*, in *New York History* [forthcoming]

Review of Brian Froese, *California Mennonites*, in *Fides et Historia* 48:1 (Winter/Spring 2016): 214-216

Review of Nathan E. Yoder, *Together in the Work of the Lord: A History of Conservative Mennonite Conference*, in *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 89:2 (April 2015), pp. 327-330

Review of Duane C. S. Stoltzfus, *Pacifists in Chains: The Persecution of the Hutterites during the Great War*, in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 84:1 (March 2015), pp. 266-267

Review of David R. Swartz, *Moral Minority: The Evangelical Left in an Age of Conservatism*, in *Reflections* 16/17 (2014/2015), pp. 189-191

Review of Jared S. Burkholder and David C. Cramer, eds., *The Activist Impulse: Essays on the Intersection of Evangelicalism and Anabaptism*, in *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 36:2 (August 2013), pp. 321-325

Review of Tobin Miller Shearer, *Daily Demonstrators: The Civil Rights Movement in Mennonite Homes and Sanctuaries*, in *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 35:1 (April 2012), pp. 269-272

Review of Randall Balmer, *The Making of Evangelicalism: From Revivalism to Politics and Beyond*, in *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 34:3 (December 2011), pp. 596-599

Review of Paul W. Nisly, *Shared Faith, Bold Vision, Enduring Promise: The Maturing Years of Messiah College*, in *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 85:3 (July 2011), pp. 542-544

Encyclopedia Articles

“Mennonites in Philadelphia.” In *The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia*, eds. Charlene Mires, Howard Gillette, and Randall Miller [online publication—forthcoming]

“Wallis, Jim” and “Bender, Harold S.” In *Opposition to War: An Encyclopedia of United States Peace and Antiwar Movements*, ed. Mitchell K. Hall (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO) [forthcoming, 2017]

“Skinner, Tom,” “Pannell, William E.,” and “Williamson, Sarah C.” In *African-American National Biography*, eds. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012-2013) [online publication]

“Swalm, Ernest J.,” with Lucille Marr. In *Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online*, ed. Richard D. Thiessen (2012) [online publication] [<http://bit.ly/VCrZFe>]

Select Writings for a General Audience

“Echoes”: A regular column in *In Part*, the magazine of the Brethren in Christ Church in the U.S., focused on the history of the denomination and written for a popular audience.

- “Curing Hate with Love: Active Peacemaking in a World at War” (Spring/Summer 2016)
- “Heeding God’s Call: Serving Sacrificially in the Big City” (Fall/Winter 2015)
- “No Turning Back: Pioneering the Cause of Foreign Missions” (Spring/Summer 2015)

“Imagining ‘An Alternative to the Sword,’” *Mennonite Weekly Review*, May 6, 2014 [online publication]

“Different and Distinct: Nonconformity’s Invitation to a New Reality,” *In Part*, Spring 2014, pp. 4-7

“Dirk Willems, Brethren in Christ, and Discipleship,” *Mennonite Weekly Review*, January 6, 2014 [online publication]

“A Defining Moment: How Pietism Transformed Early Brethren in Christ—and Has Potential to Do So Again,” *In Part*, Spring 2013, pp. 4-7

“The Brethren in Christ and American Evangelicalism: Optimism or Pessimism?” *Mennonite Weekly Review*, November 19, 2012 [online publication]

Other Writing

“In Search of a Usable Past: Doing History in the Anabaptist Tradition,” *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 37, no. 2 (April 2014): p. 39. Introductory comments for a special edition of *PMH* focused on research and writing by young Anabaptist historians.

Blogs

- Anabaptist Historians [anabaptisthistorians.org] (contributor, 2016–)
- The Search for Piety and Obedience [www.devinthomas.wordpress.com] (2009–2015)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC LECTURES, & SESSIONS CHAIRED

“From Minister’s Wife to Ordained Pastor: The Evolving Status of Women in the Brethren in Christ Church, 1950-1990.” Presented at the “Crossing the Line” Conference, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va. [proposed]

“Encounters with the Spirit: North American Anabaptists and Charismatic Renewal, 1950-2000.” Presented at the “Charismatic Renewal in Historical Perspective” Conference, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University, Oxford, England, UK, 14 September 2016

- Chair, “The High-Tech World of the Amish.” Session at the “Continuity and Change: 50 Years of Amish Society” Conference, Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown College, 9 June 2016
- “From Bible School to ‘Grantham University’: Educational Mission and Identity in the History of Messiah College, 1909-2009.” Presented at the “Mennonite Education: Past, Present, and Future” Conference, Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio, 16 October 2015
- “Prophet and President: Myron Augsburger and the Mennonite History of Evangelical Higher Education.” Presented at the “What Young Historians Are Thinking” Symposium, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa., 12 October 2015
- “Choosing to Serve: Reflections on Ernest L. Boyer’s Theological and Educational Sensibilities.” Presented at the “A Vocational Anchor in a Sea of Change: The Enduring Influence of Ernest L. Boyer, Sr.” Conference, Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., 10 October 2015
- “A Witness to the Good: The Life and Ministry of Luke L. Keefer Jr., in the Brethren in Christ Church.” Presented at the “Honoring the Life and Legacy of Dr. Luke Keefer, Jr.” Symposium, Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio, 3 October 2015
- “Family History as Church History.” Invited talk, Heritage Service of the Brethren in Christ Historical Society, Ringgold, Md., 7 June 2015
- Panelist, “The Historian’s Role in Managing Institutional Change.” Roundtable discussion at the Biennial Meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif., 27 September 2014
- “Back to the Future: Tracing the Religious Roots of Messiah College, 1909-2009.” Presented at the “Historic Religious Roots and the Future of Higher Education” Symposium, Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio, 12 April 2014
- Moderator, “What Young Historians Are Thinking.” Session organized by the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa., 28 October 2013
- “Born-Again Brethren in Christ: The Brethren in Christ Church in an Age of Evangelicalism.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Brethren in Christ Historical Society, Grantham Brethren in Christ Church, Grantham, Pa., 5 October 2013
- “Born-Again Brethren in Christ: The Brethren in Christ Church in an Age of Evangelicalism.” Presented at the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pa., 19 March 2013
- Moderator, “Why We Must Take the Three (or Four) Streams in Our History Seriously.” Panel discussion at the “Why We Must Take Our History Seriously” Conference, Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., 8 November 2012
- “Born-Again Brethren in Christ: Counter-cultural Religion in an Age of Evangelicalism.” Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Gordon College, Wenham, Mass., 5 October 2012

Panelist, “Pietism, Churches, and a ‘Usable Past.’” Roundtable discussion at the Colloquium on Pietism Studies, Bethel University, Minneapolis, Minn., 20 April 2012

“Between Legalism and Liberalism: The Brethren in Christ, the ‘New Evangelicals,’ and the Rhetoric of Religious Identity in Postwar America.” Presented at the “History, Protestantism, and Identity in the Americas” Conference, Mexico City, Mexico, 6 October 2011

Panelist, “Attitudes and Perspectives Regarding Tradition.” Panel discussion at the “Tradition: Burden or Blessing?” Conference, Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., 11 November 2010

“The Immanence of Story.” Invited talk, Heritage Service of the Brethren in Christ Historical Society, Ringgold, Md., 6 June 2010

GUEST LECTURES

“Anabaptism, Pietism, Wesleyanism, and the Brethren in Christ Tradition.” Messiah College Provost’s Seminar. Given annually to new educators, 2013–present

“The Brethren in Christ and American Evangelicalism.” Messiah College “Brethren in Christ Life and Thought” course, instructor Dr. David L. Weaver-Zercher, 22 January 2016

“An Introduction to Anabaptism.” Messiah College “Introduction to Christian Theology” course, instructor Prof. Dan Schmidt, 22 January 2016

Panel on Careers in Public History. Temple University “Managing History” course, instructor Dr. Hilary Iris Lowe, 17 November 2015

“An Introduction to the River Brethren/Brethren in Christ Tradition.” Elizabethtown College “Amish and Anabaptist Groups in Context” course, instructors Dr. Jeff Bach and Dr. Conrad Kanagy, 15 May 2014

“Peace, Devotion, and Service: The Theological Heritage of Messiah College.” Messiah College “Global Christian Theology” course, instructor Dr. George Pickens, 6 November 2013

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Congregational Historical Work

Committed to Community: A Centennial History of the Carlisle Brethren in Christ Church, booklet published to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Carlisle Brethren in Christ Church, April 2012

Digital Projects

“Born-Again Brethren: The Brethren in Christ and American Evangelicalism” [www.bornagainbrethren.wordpress.com]: a web exhibit exploring the interactions between the Brethren in Christ and the American evangelical movement, March–April 2012

“Religion in North Philadelphia” [www.urbanoasis.org/temple/?q=node/32]: part of a collaborative, semester-long project documenting the historical interactions between Temple University and its North Philadelphia neighbors, May 2011

Consulting

Consultant, Brethren in Christ Historical Library and Archives & Archives of Messiah College Digitization Initiative, Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., January 2012 to August 2013

Consultant, The Ernest L. Boyer Center Archives Digitization Initiative, Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., January 2011 to April 2012

Invited participant, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society Strategic Planning Retreat, Lancaster, Pa., January 2011

Exhibits, Installations, & Miscellaneous Projects

Project contributor, First Person Museum, Painted Bride Art Center (Philadelphia, Pa.), November 2010

CONFERENCES CONVENED

“Not Conformed: The Church, the World, and Christian Discipleship in the 21st Century.”
Messiah College, 10-11 November 2016. Keynote Speaker: Mark Labberton, President,
Fuller Theological Seminary

“Life Beyond the Congregation: The Future of Denominations in the 21st Century.”
Messiah College, 12-13 November 2015. Keynote Speaker: Roger E. Olson, Foy Valentine
Professor of Christian Theology and Ethics, Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University

“Who’s In? Who’s Out?: Rethinking Church Membership in the 21st Century.” Messiah College, 9-10
October 2014

“Do Justice: A Biblical Mandate for the Church.” Messiah College, 5-6 November 2013

GRANTS, AWARDS, & OTHER HONORS

Roy M. Showalter Research Grant, Mennonite Historical Association of the Cumberland Valley,
2016 (\$500 grant to study the life and ministry of Samuel F. Wolgemuth)

Evangelism Research Grant, Billy Graham Center Archives at Wheaton College, 2016 (\$500 grant
to study the life and ministry of Samuel F. Wolgemuth)

Evangelism Research Grant, Billy Graham Center Archives at Wheaton College, 2013 (\$500 grant
to study the life and ministry of Samuel F. Wolgemuth)

Co-coordinator and participant, Brethren in Christ Emerging Scholars Seminar on Faith and Learning,
sponsored by the Sider Institute for Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan Studies, Messiah College, 21-25
May 2012

Graduate Student Travel Grant, Temple University College of Liberal Arts, 2011 (\$300 grant)

Winner of the Anabaptist Research Paper Competition, sponsored by the Sider Institute for Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan Studies, Messiah College, 2010 (\$300 award)

Listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, 2008-2009

MEDIA APPEARANCES

“An Anabaptist Perspective,” *Pietist Schoolman Podcast* (interview conducted by Dr. Chris Gehrz), July 23, 2015 [www.pietistschoolman.com/2015/07/23/thursdays-podcast-an-anabaptist-perspective/]

INSTITUTIONAL, ACADEMIC, & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member, Board of Directors, Germantown Mennonite Historic Trust, 2014–
- Member, Core Course Steering Committee, Messiah College, 2014–
- Member, Peace and Conflict Studies Program Advisory Committee, Messiah College, 2013–
- Member, Executive Committee, Brethren in Christ Historical Society, 2010–2015
- Member, Editorial Committee, Brethren in Christ Historical Society, 2009–2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Organization of American Historians
- American Society of Church History
- National Council on Public History
- Brethren in Christ Historical Society
- Mennonite Historical Society
- Conference on Faith and History
- Peace History Society

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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